

PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND CONTROL PAAC IV QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
SET#3 **NOTE: QUESTIONS 1-4 OF SET 3 HAVE BEEN RENUMBERED****

REFERENCE: In section L.17 under section 3 Mission Suitability Instructions by Subfactor under Scenario 1- In-House Startup, on pg 111 the RFP states: ‘specifically, the offeror’s response to Scenario 1 should include:

When does each function need to be started and over what time period will it be performed?
What basic skills and positions are required for staffing to support the effort?
What business systems or tools must be in place to support these functions?
What is the role of the PAAC IV contract Project Support Manager in managing these functions? What interactions will occur with the Government Project Management team and/or the PAAC IV Program Director to make this successful?”

124. QUESTION: Are these four bulleted items intended to be over the 4 year period of the mid-size Explorer mission development time from MCR to launch? Or for the 60-day period allotted for the development of the initial Project Plan?

ANSWER: The four bulleted items are intended to be over the 4-year period.

124.A Addendum to original question: In accordance with Clause H.3, Task Ordering Procedures, please provide the following:

- (1) A functional description of the work identifying the objectives or results desired from the contemplated task order.
- (2) Proposed performance standards to be used as criteria for determining whether the work requirements have been met.

ANSWER: The instructions included in Clause H.3 of the RFP pertain to task orders issued during the contract effective period, and are not related to the scenarios.

125. QUESTION: Can you revise the requirement for past performance submission by the subcontracting companies to be more accommodative for the small companies (i.e. within the last five years and \$3M value)?

ANSWER: Upon release of the final RFP, the Government will revise the Past Performance submission for the requested information pertaining to the prime offeror and subcontracting companies to within the last five years. RFP Section L.19 (a) will be revised accordingly.

Reference: L.14 (b)(2) Proposal Content and Page/Time Limitations (2) A page is defined as one side of a sheet, 8-1/2”X11”, with at least one inch margins on all sides. The margins may contain headers and footers, but shall not contain any proposal content to be evaluated. A

presentation chart shall be provided on standard 8-1/2" paper in landscape orientation, one chart per page.

126. QUESTION: To be compliant with the "at least one inch margins on all sides," the slide content would need to be contained in 9"x6.5", which leaves very little real estate for content at an 18 point font. Industry standard Power Point dimensions are (10"x7.5" slides = .5" margins on each). Will the Government please confirm that the margins for the charts for evaluation content is .5"?

ANSWER: After consultation with the evaluation team, the margins for the charts for evaluation will remain at 1" in accordance to Section L.14 (b)(2).

127. Question: Will the Government release a copy of the most recent Explorers Program Plan (or equivalent) so that all bidders have substantially equal background on the program in developing responses to scenario 1?

Answer: The relationship to the Explorers Program was unintentional. In the Final RFP, we have included a more generic mission description to provide an approximate size of the mission and project for planning purposes.

128. Question: It is my understanding that an 8(a) company should be in the 8(a) program as of the RFP release date. This means that if the 8(a) company graduates before the proposal submission date, the proposal is still valid.
Am I correct?

Answer: No, that is not correct; eligibility will be determined as of the time of submission of initial proposals. See FAR 19.805-2.

129. Question: How would you verify the 8(a) status of a business submitting a bid for the subject solicitation? The CCR or ORCA systems noted in Section L of the RFP are no longer available for updating status.

Answer: Section L of the final RFP has been revised to include the information for the new systems.

130. Question: In reviewing the PAAC IV procurement documents it seems the NAICS code is incorrect. The PAAC contract does not require any engineering position or staff nor does it provide engineering services or engineering products. The staff on this contract provide business support services to the engineering division at GSFC. Per the regulations this does not result in a selected NAICS code of 541330 - it is the type of work performed on a contract not the organization supported.

Answer: See Answer to question 1 in Q&A Set# 1

Note: Question No 49, is revised to read as follows: The 45 day phase-in period is anticipated to begin on or about October 15, 2014. The contract year 1 is anticipated to start on or about December 1, 2014. Also, see Final RFP cover letter.